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1. Source determined that, on 17 December 1953, the three gun sheds at the lake in the quartering area of the artillery brigade in Olympisches Dorf, Doberitz, were occupied as previously each by about 24 x 76-mm field guns and pertinent trucks. On 15 December, 5 trucks, each occupied by about 15 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 76-mm field guns left the quartering area of the artillery brigade toward the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee.

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Between 7 and 16 December, source determined that personnel of Unit Kavallov almost daily engaged in driving school practice.

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Source did not observe any other training. On 16 December, the previous quarters of Unit Popof in the Till Eulenspiegel settlement were vacant. As source, on 15 December, observed 60 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets leaving the Loewen Kaserne for the engineer training area northeast of the Till Eulenspiegel settlement which, so far, had been regularly used by Unit Popof, source concluded that this unit transferred to the Loewen Kaserne. Twelve pontoons, 2 boats on special trailers, as well as beams, logs and other engineer equipment were stored as previously in the aforementioned engineer training area. The previous quarters of Unit Popof in Till Eulenspiegel settlement were being reconditioned by German craftsmen. They were to be occupied by Russian officer families.

2. On 15 December, about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 8 mortars, practice targets and carbines were seen leaving the installation for the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee. Training in the training area northeast of Olympisches Dorf intensified after 7 December. Small details were almost daily observed at training. On 9 December, about 75 troops engaged in small-scale simulated attacks, about 30 troops in field wire laying and about 50 troops in the construction of field fortifications. On 11 December, source observed two details, who received instruction on 2 x 82-mm mortars in this area.

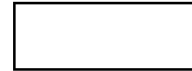
3. In mid-December, source learned that, on orders of the Doberitz komendatura, Parkstrasse in Falkensee-Finkenkrug had to be vacated between 12 December 1953 and 3 January 1954. After that date, 50 Soviet officer families were scheduled to be quartered there.

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4. On 4 January, Altes Lager was heavily occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Intensive activity was observed in the camp area.

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5. On 4 January, Loewen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne were heavily occupied.

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6. An informant stated that, on 4 January, the cantonment at Hasenheidenberg was occupied by only a small guard detail of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

7. Between 23 and 30 December, marksmanship training with machine guns, submachine guns and carbines was repeatedly observed in the training area southeast of Hasenheidenberg and at the Giebfenn firing range.¹

8. On 4 January, the former KVP quarters on Humboldt Allee, Falkensee, were occupied by about 50 to 60 troops of the border guard detail who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets; and a Soviet family.

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9. On 17 December, building No 17 on Hansastrasse in the area of the former air force headquarters on Falkensee was occupied by 6 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Flunkers were seen working there. At about 4 p.m., [redacted] occupied by 2 officers and 2 NCOs wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the area of the building at 10 Hansastrasse toward the town. Source expressed the belief that these troops belonged to an advance detail. Source stated that, due to efforts by the burgomaster of Falkensee, the buildings on either side of Kochstrasse probably would not be occupied and that, according to the population, owners of buildings in the area of the former air force headquarters which were to be reoccupied, would be expropriated. The fence around the installation of the former air force headquarters was being dismantled.²

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10. In early December, there were recurrent rumors that Blumenstrasse in Dallgow would again put off limits to the German population, as this street consisted of buildings suitable for officer billets. Source further learned that apartments for additional 200 Soviet families were needed. A major inspected apartments in the north section of Dallgow. There were also rumors that Dallgow inhabitants, who vacated their apartments for the occupation forces would be given other apartments in Falkensee.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. The known occupation of the installations mentioned, which had been confirmed by these and other sources in early December, and the transfer to the Loewen Kaserne of the 18th (?) Ingr Bn of the 1st Mecz Div, previously stationed in the Till Dülenspiegel settlement, are again confirmed.

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2. [redacted] Comment. In connection with the arrival of officer families, the confiscation of apartments in Doberitz and Falkensee and the transfer to Falkensee of Dallgow inhabitants had repeatedly been reported. It is possible that officer families are also to be quartered in the area of the former air force headquarters in Falkensee.

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